

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Small Business committee be discharged from further consideration of Harry Damelin, to be Inspector General for the Small Business Administration; I further ask consent that the nomination be referred to the Governmental Affairs committee as under a previous agreement, the nomination then be immediately discharged; further the Senate proceed to its consideration, the nomination be confirmed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; finally, I ask consent that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 743. A bill to designate a building that houses the operations of the University Park United States Postal Service in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 744. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation to notify plan participants and beneficiaries of the commencement of proceedings to terminate such plan; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 745. A bill to require the consent of an individual prior to the sale and marketing of such individual's personally identifiable information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. KYL):

S. 746. A bill to prevent and respond to terrorism and crime at or through ports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) (by request):

S. 747. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 748. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make inapplicable the 10 percent additional tax on early distributions from certain pension plans of public safety employees; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Res. 101. A resolution calling for the prosecution of Iraqis and their supporters for war crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 85, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 140

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 157

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 157, a bill to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attacks.

S. 226

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 226, a bill to prohibit an individual from knowingly opening, maintaining, managing, controlling, renting, leasing, making available for use, or profiting from any place for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing, or using any controlled substance, and for other purposes.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 249

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska

(Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 303

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 303, a bill to prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to protect the flying public's safety and security by requiring that the air traffic control system remain a Government function.

S. 349

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 358

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for the production of fuel from non-conventional sources for the production of electricity to include landfill gas.

S. 359

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 359, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for the production of electricity to include electricity produced from municipal solid waste.

S. 363

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 363, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 380

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 380, a bill to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage and accelerate the nationwide production, retail sale, and consumer use of new motor vehicles that are powered by fuel cell technology, hybrid technology, battery electric technology, alternative fuels, or other advanced motor vehicle technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees.

S. 547

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 547, a bill to encourage energy conservation through bicycling.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 589

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 589, a bill to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security,

and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 608

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 608, a bill to provide for personnel preparation, enhanced support and training for beginning special educators, and professional development of special educators, general educators, and early intervention personnel.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296) to provide for the protection of voluntarily furnished confidential information, and for other purposes.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for Department of Defense funding of continuation of health benefits plan coverage for certain Reserves called or ordered to active duty and their dependents, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 704

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 728, a bill to reimburse the airline industry for homeland security costs, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to prohibit fraud and related activity in connection with authentication features, and for other purposes.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to increase the rate of imminent danger special pay and the amount of the family separation allowance.

S. RES. 52

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 52, a resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem.

S. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the continuous repression of freedoms within Iran and of individual human rights abuses, particularly with regard to women.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 743. A bill to designate a building that houses the operations of the University Park United States Postal Service in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the "James F. Richardson Post Office Act of 2003." This measure would name the University Park Post Office in Charlotte, NC, after a man who has come to mean so much to the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and the State of North Carolina. His record of public service goes back 60 years.

A Charlotte native, Jim Richardson graduated from Second War High School, the only high school in the area African Americans were allowed to attend. In a separate and unequal society he learned early on the importance of character and serving the public good. Our World War II veterans are said to be the greatest generation. As part of that generation Jim Richardson entered the United States Navy and served our country honorably in the South Pacific theater during World War II. It is with character and a deep